

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
COMMITTEE AS WHOLE  
TO RECEIVE STUDY ON EAST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1989  
11:30 A.M.

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges met at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, December 21, 1989, in Room 334, Paul B. Johnson, Jr. Tower, Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi, to receive an oral presentation from Dr. J. T. Hall, consultant of a study on East Mississippi Community College. Members of the State Board present were:

Jeannet Boston  
Amos Bridges  
Robert Breeden, Jr.  
Wesley Burkhardt, Jr.

Thomas E. Childs, Jr.  
Lanny Monroe  
H. J. Pearson  
Barbara Ricks

Paul Breazeale entered the meeting during the presentation.

Member absent: Jean-Marie Hill. Numerous guests were present to hear the report of the study.

Copies of the study were distributed to members and representatives of the college district. Dr. Hall reviewed the process used in the study, citing data sources and use of numerous interviews. He noted the existence of divided positions with the college and people of the district and expressed opinion that the division was unlikely to change. The report then reviewed the findings of the study.

The two options for action contained in the report were explained by Dr. Hall. Option One provided for the operation of the current East Mississippi district as a unified district. This option recommended approval of the Golden-Triangle Campus for part-time academic coursework. The consultant stressed that success of Option One was dependent upon unity, which was unlikely.

Option Two recommended restructure of districts; zoning Kemper and Lauderdale counties to existing Meridian Community College to form an enlarged Meridian Community College District. Compensatory activities including recruitment, counseling, transportation, and student financial aid may be provided to reduce the negative effects upon Kemper County students. A new comprehensible community college district would be established with the geographic territory of Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha counties of the Golden-Triangle area. The current East Mississippi Community College district would be abolished. Option Two will require legislative action to be realized.

Since the time allotted to hear the reported had expired and the item was on the agenda for the regular meeting, only two individuals responded. Senator Eddie Briggs asked several questions of Dr. Hall to which he responded. Representative Jerry Wilkerson stated that he didn't want to close the Scooba campus as he was interested in the education of citizens of rural areas of the state. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. with an announcement that the regular business meeting would be delayed until 1:45 p.m.

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
LUNCHEON MEETING  
TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON MISSISSIPPI'S B.E.S.T PROGRAM  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1989  
1:00 P.M.

The members of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges met for lunch and received a presentation on Mississippi's B.E.S.T. program at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 21, in Room 334, Paul B. Johnson, Jr. Tower, Education and Research Center, Jackson. All members of the State Board were present except Jean-Marie Hill. Guests included Olon Ray and A. J. Jaeger.

Olon Ray, Special Assistant to the Governor, briefly reviewed some of the features of B.E.S.T. and responded to questions. He stated that one of the strong components was telecommunications. A. J. Jaeger, Director, MAET, explained this as the means for community-based education delivery. Upon inquiry, he responded that the technology proposals included school acquisition of televisions, VCR's, and computers, and establishment of an ITFS system.

This meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1989  
2:10 P.M.

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges met in regular session at 2:10 p.m., Thursday, December 21, 1989, in Room 334, Paul B. Johnson, Jr. Tower, Education and Research Center, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson. Members present were:

Jeannet Boston  
Paul V. Breazeale  
Robert Breeden  
Amos Bridges  
Wesley C. Burkhardt

Thomas E. Childs, Jr.  
Lanny Monroe  
H. J. Pearson  
Barbara Ricks

Members absent: Jean-Marie Hill.

Chairman Wes Burkhardt presided. The invocation was given by Billy B. Thames. Paul V. Breazeale was introduced and welcomed as a new member.

Minutes

Upon motion by Bob Breeden and second by Jeannet Boston, and unanimous vote, the minutes of November 16, 1989 meeting were approved as written.

Review of Agenda

Upon motion by Amos Bridges and second by Lanny Monroe, the State Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to move Item 9, consideration of study of East Mississippi Community College, to the top of the agenda to be next considered. Wes Burkhardt asked and received unanimous approval to move Item 8, consideration of Mississippi's B.E.S.T. for consideration after the East Mississippi study, and to then consider a new item - ITFS channel license.

East Mississippi Study

The discussion of the study of East Mississippi Community College, which had been presented by J. T. Hall to the State Board in a morning session, was continued. President James Bill Moore made a plea to continue the Scooba campus and stressed its service to the people of that rural area.

David Winfield, Clay County Supervisor, stated that the county cannot afford to continue to fund Scooba, that a surplus had been spent down, and he didn't want to loose the Golden-Triangle campus by being pulled down by Scooba.

Everett Kinnard, member of East Mississippi Board of Trustees, observed that the problem is in the split on the board - north vs. south; he considered the board of trustees as representing taxpayers. L. B. Mitchell, member, East Mississippi Board of Trustees, asked what is going to happen to the students of Kemper County, and why move and build dormitories and such at Meridian when they were available at Scooba. He reminded the State Board of the high illiteracy rate of the rural area served by East Mississippi.

Senator Eddie Briggs observed that under Option Two the taxes in the Golden-Triangle will have to increase; that personalities within and outside the college interfere with the mission and operations of the district; and that Kemper and Noxubee counties would remain liable for about \$500,000 of indebtedness for buildings.

Motion: After Chairman Burkhardt suggested a delay in action, a motion by H. J. "Foots" Pearson, seconded by Barbara Ricks, passed unanimously to postpone further consideration of the East Mississippi matter for thirty (30) days.

Barbara Ricks requested additional information regarding equity funding, special compensatory allocations, local millage, and outstanding debts of the district. Paul Breazeale inquired of other options.

Bob Breeden asked the members of the East Mississippi Board of Trustees to meet and determine what line of action they will take or recommend to be taken.

#### Mississippi's B.E.S.T.

Bob Breeden moved that the State Board support the concepts and broad programs and ideas, including accountability and the Corporation for Educational Innovation. The motion was seconded by Barbara Ricks and carried unanimously.

#### ITFS License

The discussion of the development of ITFS channels continued. Bob Breeden made the motion that the State Board move forward with an application for the four best available channels, using the technical assistance of MAET, and in consortium with other state applicants. The motion was seconded by Barbara Ricks and carried unanimously.

#### Reports

- A. Executive Director: George Moody gave the financial statement for November 30, and introduced Dr. Brad Tucker, Academic Dean, East Central Community College. Dr. Tucker reported on the ongoing transfer-articulation process between the community colleges and universities. Ninety-seven curricula have been approved and forty more are pending approval - several hundred remain for consideration. Dr. Tucker reported good progress and expressed appreciation for the focus and efforts of the State Board in bringing about the agreement process.
- B. MACJC: Clyde Muse reported on the Association's November 28 meeting wherein the presidents heard representatives of the Mississippi School for Math and Science; got a report on Nursing Aide programs; heard vo-tech problems from Bureau of Vo-Tech Education; took a position in support of excluding the State Board staff from regulations of the State Personnel Board; discussed B.E.S.T.; received a report on a teleconference on the impending teacher shortage; and heard a request from Southwest Mississippi Community College for expanded athletic territory.

He also reported that the Association met December 19, and ... endorsed the MEC Look-Around-Mississippi program; heard that the vo-tech problems; heard that the vo-tech problems had been mostly resolved; appointed coordinators for community college month (February 1990); set January 23

as date of legislative appreciation luncheon; and extended athletic district for Southwest Mississippi Community College.

Motion: A motion was made to move the regular meeting of the State Board to Tuesday, January 23. The motion was seconded by Bob Breeden and carried without dissent.

C. Finance Committee: Lanny Monroe reported:

- (1) Approved monthly academic support disbursements for January - June, 1990; Fund 2292 - Exhibit 1. Motion: Lanny Monroe, second - Bob Breeden, vote - unanimous.
- (2) Accepted bimonthly audit reports from Coahoma and East Mississippi and relieved East Mississippi from future reports because of receipt of a qualified opinion audit. Motion: Lanny Monroe, second - Amos Bridges, vote - unanimous.
- (3) Authorized executive director to request the legislature to escalate FY 90 administrative budget for special funds #3291 to accept and expend AACJC/other contract funds. Motion: Lanny Monroe, second - Jeannet Boston, carried unanimously.

D. Planning Committee: Barbara Ricks reported:

- (1) Received 1988-89 Statistical Data Bulletin
- (2) Heard report from Project '95 Advisory Committee
- (3) Discussed revision of Standards, and agreed to work more diligently to develop goals, and that the responsibility for developing the goals rests with the Planning Committee and ultimately the State Board; and authorized the committee chairwoman to identify ad hoc committee members who will serve in an advisory capacity in the drafting of the goals.

E. Program Committee: H. J. "Foots" Pearson asked Bill Bunch to present the committee's items.

- (1) Southwest Mississippi Community College application for approval of two programs:
  - (a) AAS Degree - Administrative Support Services:  
CIP 2.3/070601
  - (b) Certificate - Technical Computer Operations:  
CIP 2.2/070301

Motion to approve: Bob Breeden, second - Foots Pearson, vote - unanimous to approve.

- (2) Guidelines for Establishment of Campuses or Centers as amended by the Program Committee. Exhibit 2.  
Motion to approve as presented by the Program Committee - Fouts Pearson, second - Lanny Monroe; unanimous vote to approve.

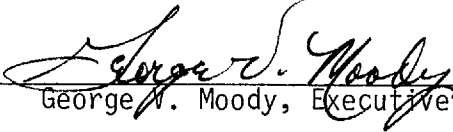
Other Business

- (1) Upon motion by Paul Breazeale and second by Amos Bridges, the State Board unanimously adopted a resolution commending Richard A. Boyd for his service as State Superintendent of Public Education, 1984-1989.
- (2) At the request of the chairman, and on motion by Amos Bridges and second by Paul Breazeale, the State Board authorized the executive director to draft a letter to be mailed to legislators depicting the needs of the community and junior colleges and a logical presentation of financing these needs.
- (3) Agreed to prepare information for the legislature showing the State Board's action of accountability.
- (4) The Executive Director announced his resignation effective June 30, 1990.

Adjournment

The State Board adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

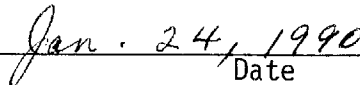
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George W. Moody, Executive Director

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Wesley C. Burkhardt, Jr., Chairman

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Date